

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Counsel for Assignee has received and reviewed the first Office Action in this application. In that Action the Examiner requested an additional paragraph be added to the specification to reference the parent application. By this response counsel has amended the specification accordingly.

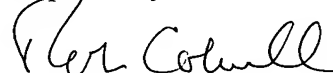
The former title has been cancelled. A new title which reflects the claims submitted with this response is also submitted.

In the Action, the Examiner rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for double patenting on the basis of the claims in the parent application. By this response counsel has cancelled all claims and submits new claims believed to overcome the rejection. In particular, the new claims are directed to methods of operation of the storage system. These claims are believed patentably distinct when compared with those in the now issued parent application.

In view of the foregoing, counsel for Assignee believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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